

## **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Eligibility for Surplus Goods**

*This document is targeted for organizations that wish to receive Federal and State Surplus Goods from the Louisiana Federal Property Assistance Agency (LFPAA) and/or Louisiana Property Assistance Agency (LPAA).*

### **What types of surplus goods do the LFPAA and LPAA have?**

There is a very large range of goods available from cots, blankets and pillows to desks, chairs, file cabinets and much more. If we don't have what you're looking for, we will attempt to get it. Before applying, an organization can inquire about whether agencies have the surplus materials they need by contacting the LFPAA at 225-342-7860 or LPAA at 225-342-6849.

### **Who is eligible to apply for the surplus goods?**

State government, local government and eligible nonprofit organizations may apply. *Individual residents are not eligible to apply for surplus goods.*

### **Can an organization apply for both Federal and State surplus goods?**

Yes, however there is a separate, required application for each.

### **What if I represent a faith-based organization?**

Churches qualify for State surplus goods, but not Federal surplus goods. However, some church sponsored *programs* do qualify for Federal surplus. E.g., if a church runs a food bank, day care, homeless shelter, etc. it would qualify for the Federal Surplus program.

### **How does an organization apply?**

Please fill out an application online

Federal Surplus Goods (LFPAA) <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/lfpaa/home.htm>

State Surplus Goods (LPAA) <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/lpaa/index.htm>

Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed.

### **How long does it take for an application to be processed?**

One to two weeks.

### **How much will the surplus goods cost my organization?**

Costs vary based on freight and handling charges, but usually are about 15 percent of the acquisition cost. For example, a nonprofit could receive \$1,000 in goods and only have to pay \$150.

### **After an application has been approved, how does an organization arrange to get the goods?**

No appointment is necessary. Representatives from approved organizations can come to the warehouses Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LFPAA – 1635 Foss Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

LPAA – 1059 Brickyard Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70804

### **What if an organization would like the goods to be shipped to them?**

The organization will need to make arrangements and pay for services with a freight company (i.e. UPS, SAIA, etc.)

### **Does an organization have to apply each time it wants to receive materials?**

No, once approved your application is good for three years.

### **What is the limit of materials an organization can receive?**

There is no limit.